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SUBJECT:EXTRADITION-DOMINIQUE ORSINI, A/K/A DOMINGO

ORSINI, A/K/A LADISLAO BOTONA

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1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION FROM ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER MR. ASSANE SECK. A SIGNED COPY OF THE COMMUNICATION IN LETTER FORM IS BEING SENT BY AIR POUCH. BEGIN LETTER: DEAR MR. MINISTER: OUR CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM HAS ADVISED US OF THE SPLENDID COOPERATION OF YOUR MINISTRY AND PARTICULARLY MR. FRANCOIS BOB, THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, IN OUR EFFORTS TO APPREHEND DOMINIQUE ORSINI, A NOTORIOUS NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER AND FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE, WHO INTENDED TO BE ABOARD AN AIR FRANCE FLIGHT WHICH TRANSITTED DAKAR EN ROUTE TO FRANCE. A RESERVATION HAD BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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OBTAINED AND TICKET PURCHASED FOR THE FLIGHT; HOWEVER, AS

FREQUENTLY OCCURS IN FUGITIVE CASES, HE CHANGED HIS PLANS

IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE PLANE'S DEPARTURE AND HE DID NOT BOARD. WHILE WE REGRET THE INCONVENIENCE CAUSED TO YOUR MINISTRY AND THOSE WHO LABORED THROUGH THE NIGHT IN THIS COOPERATIVE EFFORT, WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE WILLING SUPPORT WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO GIVE TO US IN OUR CONTINUING STRUGGLE TO BRING TO JUSTICE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ENGAGE IN THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS.

---WE ARE HEARTENED BY THE RESPONSE SUCH AS YOURS TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN OUR EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THE DRUG PROBLEM. IT IS A COMMON CONCERN TO PEOPLE EVERYWHERE AND ONLY THROUGH UNIVERSAL COOPERATION CAN WE HOPE TO SUCCEED IN ACHIEVING EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF NARCOTICS.

---LET ME AGAIN EXPRESS THE DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR YOUR HELPFUL ASSISTANCE IN A FRUSTRATED EFFORT TO BRING A MAJOR NARCOTICS FUGITIVE TO JUSTICE, AND THE HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO COUNT ON THIS COOPERATIVE SPIRIT IN THE FUTURE. SINCERELY,
ROBERT S. INGERSOLL, ACTING SECRETARY. END OF LETTER.

2. THE DEPT WISHES TO COMMEND CHARGE DAVIS FOR HIS GREAT INITIATIVE AND SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE COOPERATION OF THE SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT IN THE FRUSTRATED ATTEMPT TO APPREHEND A NOTORIOUS NARCOTICS FUGITIVE. THE GESTURE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SENEGAL IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND THE USG RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF FUTURE COOPERATION TO EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS POLICY TO PROSECUTE NARCOTICS VIOLATORS. THE DEPT VERY MUCH APPRECIATES THE FINE WORK OF ALL WHO WERE CONNECTED WITH THIS EFFORT. THE FACT THAT IT WAS UNDERTAKEN ON SHORT NOTICE AND REQUIRED GREAT PERSONAL SACRIFICES BY ALL CONCERNED REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON THE POST AND ITS STAFF.

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